

Are There "Forever Chemicals" in Our Drinking Water?

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Flagstaff Water Quality Tests Come Back "Non-Detect"

Recent reports of contaminates found in water supplies across the nation have led the U.S. EPA to release a health advisory for PFOAS and PFOS contaminants. These compounds are nicknamed "forever chemicals" because they do not break down naturally in the environment. PFOA and PFOS are part of a larger group of organic chemicals that are used in manufacturing products for water and grease resistance, and in fire retardants. The U.S. EPA's health advisory stems from research linking this class of chemicals to a number of health issues, including thyroid disorders, various cancers, liver disease, and developmental problems in fetuses.

The Good News!

The Water Services Division continually tests Flagstaff drinking water sources, and after multiple assessments, no PFOS or PFOA constituents have been detected. Consistent water quality testing is key to maintaining a safe water supply.

Questions or comments?

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Lab technician tests water quality at water treatment plant.

